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ABOUT THE COVER

The cover photo is of the Methodist Church, built in 1886 in the town of Marysville, 20 miles northwest of Helena. This early day boom town was founded by Thomas Cruse, owner of the Drum Lummon mine. According to author Muriel Wolle in her book, "Montana Paydirt", "Thomas Cruse was asked to donate two lots for a community church and grudgingly gave one. Unaccountably, when the building was completed it covered two lots".

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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

1. Civilian Labor Force - the number of persons 16 years and older, defined as employed or unemployed, excluding members of the Armed Forces.

2. Employed - those persons who work for pay or profit during a week or, as unpaid family workers, work 15 hours or more during a week. Also included as employed are those who, although not working, had some job attachment and were not looking for work, including persons temporarily absent from a job due to illness, bad weather, vacation, or labor-management dispute, whether or not they were in a pay status during their time off.

3. Unemployment - the number of persons who, for an entire week, did not work at all, were able to work and available for work, and (1) were looking for work or (2) would have looked for work except that (a) they were waiting to return to a job from which they had been laid off, or (b) they were waiting to report to a new wage and salary job scheduled to start within the following 30 days (and were not in school during the week).

4. Unemployment Rate - the number of unemployed expressed as a percent of the civilian labor force.

5. Residence Data - a count of employment by where people live.

6. Establishment Data - a count of employment by where people work.

7. Seasonally Adjusted Labor Force Series - to facilitate the evaluation of the labor force, recurrent yearly movements have been isolated and removed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics seasonal factor method.

8. Composite Index - an aggregate of six leading indicators. The indicators used are: Manufacturing - Employment, Average Weekly Hours, total Accessions and Layoffs; Average Weekly Initial Claims; and statewide Building Permits. A reverse trend was used for Layoffs and Average Weekly Initial Claims. This composite index is in no manner or form comparable to the United States composite index as published in "Business Conditions Digest", U. S. Department of Commerce.

9. Real Spendable Average Weekly Earnings of Private Nonagricultural Production Workers - represents the earnings of a hypothetical individual after deductions for State Income, Federal Income and Social Security taxes, and adjustment for change in purchasing power since 1967. This individual is assumed to be sole support for a family of four, earn the average weekly gross earnings of production workers in Montana's private nonagricultural industries, and take standard deductions on State and Federal income taxes. Taxes were computed using standard tax tables, and purchasing power was adjusted by deflating Spendable Earnings based on the national Consumer Price Index.

10. WIN - Work Incentive Program for Aid to Dependent Children recipients.

11. CETA - Comprehensive Employment and Training Act of 1974.

12. CETA-CEP - Concentrated Employment Program funded under the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act.

13. SMSA - Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area as determined by Office of Management and Budget. Must have a central city with population of 50,000 or more.

14. LMA - Labor Market Area as determined by the Montana Employment Security Division consists of a central city or cities with population of less than 50,000, and the economically integrated geographical area surrounding it.

NOTE: Series Change

Beginning with the April 1975 release, all total unemployment and total unemployment rate estimates for the State and all areas have been revised - including seasonally adjusted series - and are not comparable with data published earlier. The Montana State Employment Security Agency, like all State Employment Security Agencies, is revising its total unemployment and total unemployment rate estimates to reflect new data on persons entering and re-entering the labor force. The old series was based on relationships that existed in the early 1960's. Over the intervening decade these relationships have shifted as a result of institutional changes such as the earlier openings of schools in the fall and earlier closing in the spring, and demographic changes such as increased labor force participation of women. Historical series for State and Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas - both raw and seasonally adjusted - back through 1970 are available upon request.

MONTANA EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

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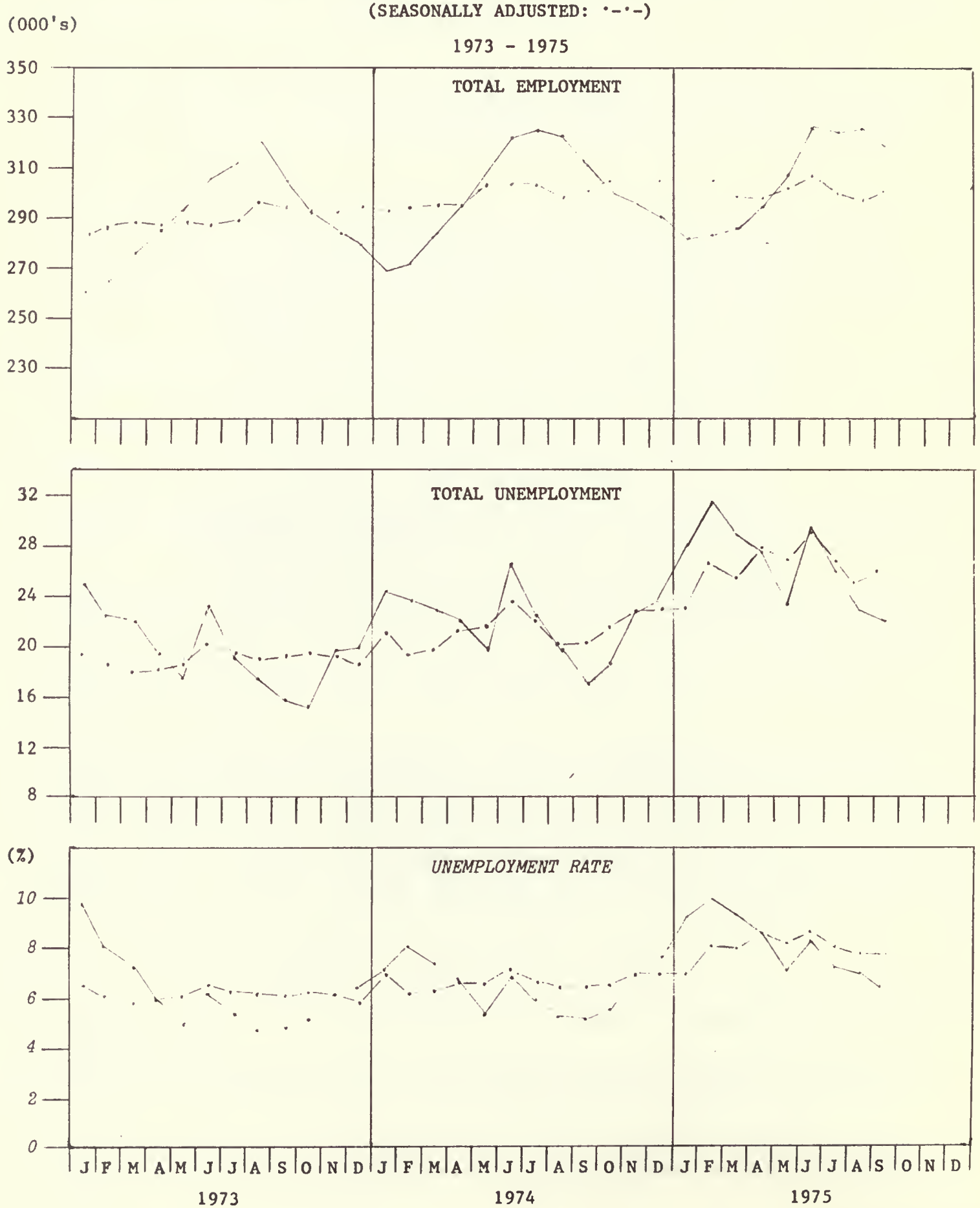

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTANA LABOR MARKET

OCTOBER 1975

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Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment (establishment data) was 251,700 in September, compared with 252,800 in August and 244,000 for the same month one year ago. Manufacturing employment showed a decrease of 600 from last month and was 700 below last year's level. This is a 28% decrease from a year ago.

Nonmanufacturing employment totaled 227,000 in September or 8,400 more than were employed one year ago at the same time. Industries accounting for the majority of this increase were wholesale and retail trades, the service industry and local government. Mining employment dropped 700 from a year ago, while transportation and public utilities dropped 500 and contract construction decreased 200.

Agricultural employment for September totaled 35.2 thousand compared with 45.1 thousand in August and the 36.8 thousand total in September of 1974. By mid-October Montana's harvest of potatoes and sugar beets was 60% completed, while dry beans were 85% harvested. Winter wheat condition in Montana is good in all areas of the state except for the southeastern portion. Cattle and sheep in the state are reported in good condition, and movement of livestock from summer ranges was 55% complete for cattle and 60% for sheep. Sweet cherry production in Montana for the 1975 season totaled 2,400 tons, a 45% increase from 1974. The average price per ton obtained by Montana growers was up 13%.

Montana's average weekly earnings for total private nonagricultural industries were $164.89 in September compared with $165.07 in August and $157.38 in September 1974. The mining industry showed the largest gain from a year ago increasing $37.07 per week while service industry had the smallest increase of $2.48 per week. Average weekly hours for the state this month were 36.4, a slight decrease from 36.6 recorded both for last month and September 1974. Industries showing increases in average weekly hours from last year were: mining, up 1.3 hours; contract construction, up 4.9 hours; and wholesale and retail trade, up .3 hours. Industries showing decreases in average weekly hours were: manufacturing, down 1.2 hours; transportation and public utilities, down .1 hours; finance, insurance and real estate, down .9 hours, and services, down 1.4 hours. Average hourly earnings for the month were $4.53 compared with $4.51 for August and $4.30 for the same month one year ago.

Montana's labor turnover rates for August showed the manufacturing accession rate at 5.1%, an increase from the 4.9% in July and the 3.8% for August of last year. The manufacturing separation rate for this month was 4.3% compared with the 3.9% last month and the 6.3% one year ago. The mining accession rate in September was 3.3%, down from the 3.4% recorded for the previous month and noticeably down from the 4.2% of August

one year ago. The August separation rate for the mining industry was 4.8% up from the 3.9% in July but down from August 1974 rate of 5.0%.

There were 730 building permits issued in Montana during August with a total valuation of $9.1 million, and for the period from January through August 3,828 building permits were issued valued at $85.4 million. In 1974, for the first 8 months there were 3,313 building permits with a total valuation of $73.0 million. There were 1,203 residential permits so far this year including 1,748 new housing units compared with a year ago during the same period when there were 1,078 residential permits, also including 1,748 new housing units.

Montana's cumulative bank debits for the first 8 months of 1975 were up 32% from a year ago and were up 30% for the 12-month period through August. Reporting communities showing increases so far this year are: Belt, Cascade, Cut Bank, Glasgow, Glendive, Havre, Laurel, Worden, Bozeman, Butte, Helena, Livingston and Missoula.

GREAT FALLS SMSA (Cascade County)

There were 141 building permits issued for August in Great Falls with a total valuation of $1.7 million. The average valuation for each permit was $12,000. Twenty-one of these permits were issued for residential dwellings that included 21 housing units totaling $430,000. A $15.4 million contract was let during the past month for Phase I of the upgrading of the missile facilities located in central Montana and headquartered at Malmstrom AFB. Phase I is expected to be completed in October 1976, while the second phase is scheduled for completion in the fall of 1978. A major utility company announced it will build a $15 million natural gas line from northcentral Montana to Great Falls in the near future. The main agricultural activities in the area through September were summer fallowing, seeding of winter wheat, haying and general fall ranch work. Great Falls nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased 1,300 from one year ago, with good increases noted in wholesale, retail and service trades.

BILLINGS SMSA (Yellowstone County)

The city of Billings issued 136 building permits in August with a total valuation of over $2.9 million. There were 64 residential permits issued that included 89 housing units valued at $1.6 million. Bank debits for Billings were up 13% in August over the same period one year ago but were down 4% for the first 8 months of 1975 from last year. The two other reporting communities in the Metropolitan area, Laurel and Worden, were up 41% and 14% respectively in August and were both up 9% for the year. Total nonagricultural employment for September was up 1,300 from one year ago as there were notable increases in retail and wholesale industries and the contract construction industry. The state's only 4-plex theater opened in Billings this month. The complex can accommodate more than 1,000 people in its four independent rooms. By October there were approximately 800 people employed at the new Rimrock mall shopping center. A major labor dispute began October 2, involving over 900 teachers throughout the school district.

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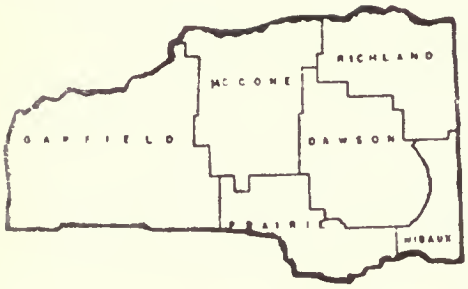
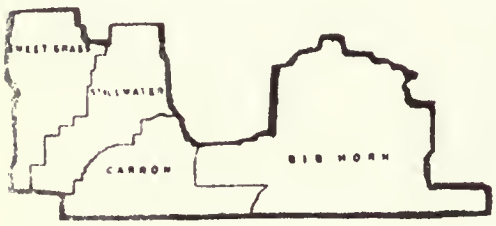


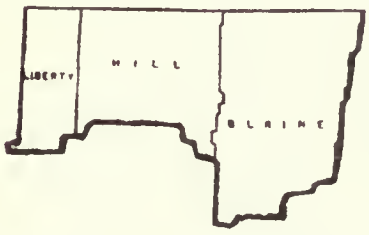
During the first 7 months of this year the city of Glendive issued 24 building permits with a total valuation of $556,000, while last year there were 33 permits issued for the same period valued at $647,000. At Sidney, there were 71 permits issued during the first 7 months with a valuation of $801,000. One year ago for the same time there were 93 permits issued valued at $960,000. Highway construction work continued on the new interstate west of Glendive and the new Fallon bridge in Prairie County. Oilfield activity in the area started to pick up during the month, and retail and service trades remained steady. In agriculture, sugar beet harvest is moving along smoothly.

HARDIN-RED LODGE LMA



Through the first 8 months of 1975 there were 17 building permits issued in Hardin with a total valuation of $346,000. This included 12 residential permits for 12 housing units. Construction continues on a new savings and loan building and a new 1,700 square foot clinic facility. In Red Lodge the main construction activity was the new $900,000 nursing home.

HAVRE LMA



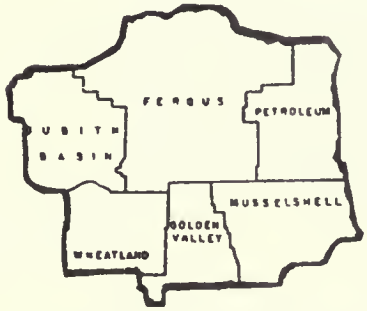
There were 7 building permits issued in Havre during July with a valuation of $677,000. Through the first 7 months of 1975 there were 67 permits issued valued at $2 million compared with one year ago when 73 permits were issued with a total valuation of $940,000. Over the last 12-month period through August, Havre bank debits reported a 49% increase from a year ago. Construction activity in the area remained at a steady pace during the month as did wholesale and retail trade. The main agricultural activities in the area included the harvest of spring grain, summer fallowing and seeding.

HELENA LMA

Construction in Helena remained active during the month as work began on the new post office building, and work on several other major structures continued. There were 57 building permits issued in Helena during July with a valuation of $1.2 million, and through June of this year there have been 233 permits issued valued at $7.7 million. Last year for the first 7 months, 205 permits were issued valued at $5.6 million. Hay and small grains harvest in the area is completed with yields reported good to excellent. All industries in the community reported steady activity during the month.

KALISPELL LMA

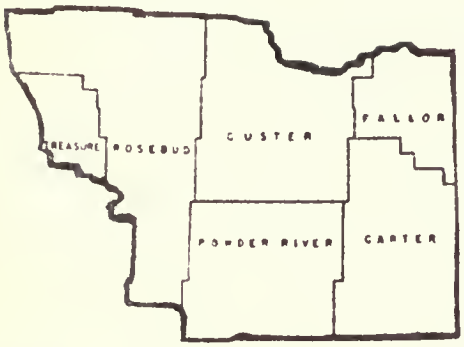
The Kalispell labor market area received two drawbacks during the month with the announcements of one plant operation cutback and a complete shutdown of another. About 200 employees will be affected. By October there were 200 employed at Libby Dam. Thirteen building permits were issued in Kalispell in July with a total valuation of $121,000. For the 1975 year through July 66 permits have been issued valued at $660,000. Of these permits, 12 were for residential dwellings. Bank debits are down 10% in Kalispell for the first 8 months of the year compared with the same period one year ago. The main agricultural activities included the completion of haying and some grain harvesting, with preparations to be made for potato and Christmas tree harvesting.



LEWISTOWN LMA

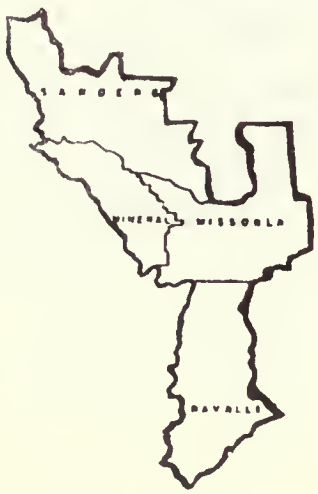
Construction activity remained good in the area as 2 major building construction jobs and a highway project continue. The total cost of these projects is over $3 million. Also there are about 12 new homes being built and 10 remodeling jobs. Through the first 7 months of this year, 56 building permits have been issued in Lewistown with a total valuation of $857,000. Of these permits 7 were for residential dwellings including 25 housing units. Through August of this year bank debits were down 3% from last year during the same period. Area sawmill activity is reported to be going at full force. The main agricultural activities were fall seeding and soil preparation.

MILES CITY LMA



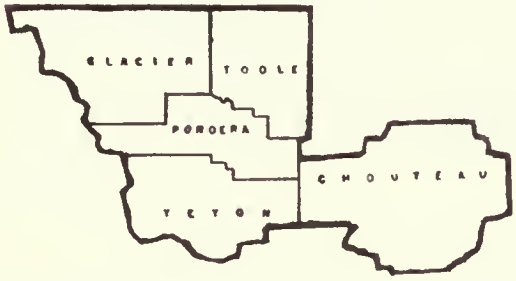
There have been 212 building permits issued in Miles City during the first seven months of this year with a total valuation of $1.6 million. Last year for the same period there were 153 permits issued valued at just over $1 million. So far this year, there have been 34 residential permits that include 36 new housing units. Bank debits for the 8-month period through August of this year showed a decrease of 9% from a year ago. Labor market activity in the area was reported to be good during the month. The main agricultural activities were general farm and ranch work and the starting of the sugar beet harvest.

MISSOULA LMA



Residential construction continued at a good pace in Missoula this year as shown in the 234 residential permits issued through July of this year valued at $7.7 million, and including 301 new housing units. There have been 444 building permits issued so far this year with a total valuation of $13.9 million compared with last year when there were 347 permits issued valued at $8.3 million for the same period. Missoula bank debits showed an increase of 52% for the first 8 months of 1975 over the same period one year ago. One Missoula lumber mill and sawmill announced it cut to a 4-day week work schedule because of adverse economic conditions in the lumber industry. In Ravalli County, lumber mill activity was reported to be stable. The new courthouse in Hamilton is the only major construction project in the area with several new housing starts reported also. Retail business in the labor market area has been normal for this time of year.

SHELBY-CUT BANK LMA



By mid-October, 65% of the local harvest had been completed. At Browning the economy received a shot in the arm when it was announced that the Blackfeet Reservation has been awarded a $4 million contract to build another one hundred homes on the reservation. The housing boom in Browning continues to be a major employment factor in the county. At Cut Bank, there were many small building and remodeling projects. So far this year the city of Cut Bank issued 51 permits with a total valuation of $122,000. Bank debits in Cut Bank were up 8% during the first 8 months of 1975 compared with the same period one year ago.

ANTICIPATED DEVELOPMENTS IN MONTANA'S LABOR FORCE

Through the remainder of 1975, Montana's unemployment levels will remain above levels recorded during the same period a year ago. Mining and manufacturing industries are experiencing more cutbacks than in 1974 and are major contributors to the state's job situation. September unemployment increased by 5,000 over the same month a year ago while total employment rose only 4,100.

MANPOWER PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

SEPTEMBER 1975

Program	New Enrollees	Job Placements	End of Month Enrollment
WIN	228	100	2,006
CETA-CEP	108	67	250
CETA-INST.	111	34	191
CETA-OJT	64	62	145
JOB CORPS	38	29	234

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - U. S.[1/]

(1967 = 100)

Group	Sep. 1975	*Percent Change From:* Aug. 1975	Sep. 1974
All Items	163.6	*0.5%*	*7.8%*

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE UNEMPLOYED[2/]

SEPTEMBER 1975

Social Characteristics	*Percent of Total Covered Unemployment*
Non-White	*3.2%*
Female	*44.9%*
Youth	*14.2%*
Over 45	*22.3%*

1/ The Consumer Price Index measures changes in prices of goods and services bought by urban wage earners and clerical workers, including families and single persons.

2/ Based on 20% sample of Continued Claims filed during the week including the 19th of each month in all local offices.

MONTANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute 1/
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent # Montana	Percent # U. S.	
1973								
January	286.2	261.1	238.7	22.4	25.1	*8.8*	*5.5*	.1
February	289.1	265.6	240.3	25.3	23.5	*8.1*	*5.6*	*
March	297.6	276.0	245.4	30.6	21.6	*7.3*	*5.2*	*
April	303.3	285.1	248.4	36.7	18.2	*6.0*	*4.8*	.2
May	309.2	293.7	255.2	38.5	15.5	*5.0*	*4.3*	.4
June	326.0	305.7	264.6	41.1	20.3	*6.2*	*5.4*	.5
July	329.9	311.6	263.5	48.1	18.3	*5.6*	*5.0*	*
August	338.0	321.7	264.4	57.3	16.3	*4.8*	*4.7*	.1
September	320.9	305.2	260.1	45.1	15.7	*4.9*	*4.7*	.1
October	308.3	292.3	257.4	34.9	16.0	*5.2*	*4.2*	.1
November	302.4	283.6	254.2	29.4	18.8	*6.2*	*4.5*	*
December	299.5	280.1	254.4	25.7	19.4	*6.5*	*4.5*	*
1973 Avg.	309.2	290.1	253.8	36.3	19.1	*6.2*	*4.9*	.1
1974								
January	298.1	270.5	245.7	24.8	27.6	*9.2*	*5.6*	.1
February	298.2	273.9	249.1	24.8	24.3	*8.1*	*5.7*	*
March	308.2	284.8	254.5	30.3	23.4	*7.6*	*5.3*	*
April	316.4	295.0	261.0	34.0	21.4	*6.8*	*4.8*	*
May	327.8	309.5	270.0	39.5	18.3	*5.6*	*4.6*	4.0
June	346.8	322.8	277.7	45.1	24.0	*6.9*	*5.8*	2.0
July	347.4	326.4	277.7	48.7	21.0	*6.0*	*5.6*	*
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October	322.3	304.2	269.3	34.9	18.1	*5.6*	*5.5*	*
November	319.3	296.9	266.5	30.4	22.4	*7.0*	*6.2*	.1
December	315.1	291.0	265.2	25.8	24.1	*7.7*	*6.7*	*
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March	315.4	286.4	260.2	26.2	29.0	*9.2*	*9.1*	.3
April	324.0	296.0	263.1	32.9	28.0	*8.7*	*8.6*	.2
May	332.3	308.6	270.3	38.3	23.7	*7.1*	*8.3*	.1
June	355.6	326.0	282.4	43.6	29.6	*8.3*	*9.1*	.1
July[r]	350.5	324.9	282.7	42.2	25.6	*7.3*	*8.7*	.2
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November								
December								
Avg.								

* *Under 50.* *Current month in italics is a forecast.* *Previous month prelinimary*

\# *Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.* *Series began January 1970.*

1/ *Non-additive - included in total employment.* *Revised to 1974 Benchmarks.*

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May	32.2	29.9	28.4	1.5	2.3	*7.0*	*5.0*	*
June	33.9	30.9	29.3	1.6	3.0	*8.9*	*6.2*	0
July	33.6	31.2	29.3	1.9	2.4	*7.1*	*5.6*	0
August	33.5	31.5	29.2	2.3	2.0	*6.0*	*4.8*	0
September	32.9	30.9	29.1	1.8	2.0	*6.2*	*4.9*	*
October	32.1	30.3	28.9	1.4	1.8	*5.5*	*5.2*	0
November	31.5	29.5	28.3	1.2	2.0	*6.4*	*6.2*	*
December	31.3	29.3	28.3	1.0	2.0	*6.4*	*6.5*	*
1973 Avg.	32.0	29.7	28.3	1.4	2.3	*7.2*	*6.2*	*
1974								
January	31.5	28.6	27.6	1.0	2.9	*9.3*	*9.2*	*
February	31.1	28.7	27.7	1.0	2.4	*7.6*	*8.1*	*
March	31.9	29.6	28.3	1.3	2.3	*7.2*	*7.6*	*
April	32.3	30.3	28.8	1.5	2.0	*6.2*	*6.8*	*
May	32.4	30.4	28.7	1.7	2.0	*6.2*	*5.6*	1.4
June	34.1	31.6	29.6	2.0	2.5	*7.3*	*6.9*	1.2
July	33.9	31.7	29.5	2.2	2.2	*6.4*	*6.0*	*
August	33.8	31.8	29.8	2.0	2.0	*5.8*	*5.3*	*
September	33.2	31.3	29.7	1.6	1.9	*5.6*	*5.2*	*
October	33.1	31.3	29.8	1.5	1.8	*5.5*	*5.6*	*
November	32.1	30.1	28.7	1.4	2.0	*6.3*	*7.0*	*
December	32.2	30.1	29.0	1.1	2.1	*6.6*	*7.7*	*
1974 Avg.	32.7	30.5	29.0	1.5	2.2	*6.7*	*6.7*	.2
1975								*
January	31.6	29.0	28.0	1.0	2.6	*8.4*	*9.3*	*
February	32.2	29.2	28.0	1.2	3.0	*9.5*	*10.0*	.1
March	32.5	29.7	28.7	1.0	2.8	*8.5*	*9.2*	.1
April	33.3	30.6	29.3	1.3	2.7	*8.2*	*8.7*	*
May	33.8	31.4	29.9	1.5	2.4	*7.0*	*7.1*	*
June	35.3	32.5	30.8	1.7	2.8	*8.1*	*8.3*	*
July[r]	34.8	32.1	30.4	1.7	2.7	*7.9*	*7.3*	*
August	34.9	32.4	30.6	1.8	2.5	*7.1*	*6.5*	*
September	34.3	31.9	30.5	1.4	2.4	*7.1*	*6.6*	*
October	*34.4*	*31.8*	*30.5*	*1.3*	*2.6*	*7.7*	*7.2*	
November								
December								
Avg.								

* *Under 50.* *Current month in italics a forecast.* *Previous month preliminary.*
\# *Computed from whole (unrounded numbers).* *Series began January 1970.*
1/ *Non-additive - included in total employment.* *Revised to 1974 Benchmarks.*
r: *Revised.*

Table III

BILLINGS SMSA (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)

Civilian Labor Force

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute 1/
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent# County	Percent# State	
1973								
January	40.6	37.9	36.9	1.0	2.7	*6.6*	*8.8*	*
February	40.8	38.5	37.4	1.1	2.3	*5.5*	*8.1*	*
March	41.5	39.5	38.1	1.4	2.0	*4.9*	*7.3*	0
April	42.8	40.9	39.2	1.7	1.9	*4.6*	*6.0*	*
May	43.3	41.2	39.4	1.8	2.1	*4.7*	*5.0*	*
June	45.5	42.7	40.8	1.9	2.8	*6.2*	*6.2*	.3
July	45.3	42.8	40.6	2.2	2.5	*5.6*	*5.6*	*
August	45.5	43.2	40.6	2.6	2.3	*5.1*	*4.8*	*
September	44.0	42.1	40.0	2.1	1.9	*4.4*	*4.9*	*
October	44.5	42.5	40.9	1.6	2.0	*4.6*	*5.2*	*
November	44.6	42.4	41.1	1.3	2.2	*4.9*	*6.2*	*
December	44.2	42.2	41.0	1.2	2.0	*4.4*	*6.5*	*
1973 Avg.	43.5	41.3	39.6	1.7	2.2	*5.1*	*6.2*	*
1974								
January	44.0	40.6	39.5	1.1	3.4	*7.8*	*9.2*	0
February	43.9	41.3	40.2	1.1	2.6	*5.9*	*8.1*	0
March	44.6	42.2	40.6	1.6	2.4	*5.4*	*7.6*	0
April	45.1	42.9	41.2	1.7	2.2	*4.9*	*6.8*	0
May	45.6	43.6	41.6	2.0	2.0	*4.4*	*5.6*	.5
June	48.1	45.0	42.7	2.3	3.1	*6.3*	*6.9*	.5
July	47.9	45.4	42.9	2.5	2.5	*5.3*	*6.0*	*
August	47.0	44.9	42.5	2.4	2.1	*4.4*	*5.3*	*
September	46.1	44.1	42.2	1.9	2.0	*4.4*	*5.2*	*
October	46.6	44.7	42.9	1.8	1.9	*4.2*	*5.6*	*
November	45.9	43.6	42.0	1.6	2.3	*5.0*	*7.0*	*
December	45.8	43.3	42.0	1.3	2.5	*5.4*	*7.7*	*
1974 Avg.	45.9	43.5	41.7	1.8	2.4	*5.3*	*6.7*	*
1975								
January	44.9	41.4	40.2	1.2	3.5	*7.9*	*9.3*	*
February	45.2	41.6	40.3	1.3	3.6	*8.0*	*10.0*	*
March	45.3	41.7	40.5	1.2	3.6	*7.9*	*9.2*	.1
April	46.3	42.9	41.4	1.5	3.4	*7.4*	*8.7*	*
May	46.7	44.1	42.3	1.8	2.6	*5.6*	*7.1*	*
June	48.4	45.0	43.0	2.0	3.4	*7.0*	*8.3*	*
July r	48.5	45.3	43.4	1.9	3.2	*6.6*	*7.3*	*
August	48.6	45.6	43.5	2.1	3.0	*6.3*	*6.5*	*
September	47.8	44.9	43.3	1.6	2.9	*6.0*	*6.6*	.2
October	*48.7*	*45.7*	*44.2*	*1.5*	*3.0*	*6.2*	*7.2*	
November								
December								
Avg.								

* *Under 50.* *Current month in italics is a forecast.* *Previous month preliminary.*

\# *Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.* *Series began January 1970.*

1/ *Non-additive - included in total employment.* *Revised to 1974 Benchmarks.*

r *Revised.*

HOUSEHOLD DATA
(ESTABLISHMENT DATA in italics)

Table IV

MONTANA

Statewide Employment by Industry

SEPTEMBER 1975

in Thousands

INDUSTRY	Sept. 1975	Aug. 1975	Sept. 1974	Net Changes to Current Month from: Aug. 1975	Sept. 1974
1. Civilian Labor Force	338.8	352.0	329.7	-13.2	9.1
2. Unemployment	22.3	22.9	17.3	-.6	5.0
Percent of Labor Force#	*6.6*	*6.5*	*5.2*	*.1*	*1.4*
3. Employment, Total	316.5	329.1	312.4	-12.6	4.1
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Adjusted for Dual Job Holders (Household Data)	249.5	250.5	244.0	-1.0	5.5
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY (Establishment Data)	*251.7*	*252.8*	*244.0*	*-1.1*	*7.7*
MANUFACTURING	*24.7*	*25.3*	*25.4*	*-.6*	*-.7*
Durable Goods	*16.7*	*17.1*	*16.9*	*-.4*	*-.2*
24 Lumber and Wood Products	*10.1*	*10.5*	*9.9*	*-.4*	*.2*
33 Primary Metal Industries	*3.2*	*3.2*	*3.5*	*0*	*-.3*
Other Durable Goods	*3.4*	*3.4*	*3.5*	*0*	*-.1*
Nondurable Goods	*8.0*	*8.2*	*8.5*	*-.2*	*-.5*
20 Food and Kindred Products	*3.6*	*3.9*	*3.9*	*-.3*	*-.3*
27 Printing and Publishing	*1.9*	*1.9*	*2.0*	*0*	*-.1*
29 Petroleum and Coal Products	*1.2*	*1.2*	*1.1*	*0*	*.1*
Other Nondurable Goods	*1.3*	*1.2*	*1.5*	*.1*	*-.2*
NONMANUFACTURING	*227.0*	*227.5*	*218.6*	*-.5*	*8.4*
Mining	*7.0*	*7.0*	*7.7*	*0*	*-.7*
10 Metal Mining	*2.9*	*2.9*	*4.2*	*0*	*-1.3*
12 & 14 Bitum. Coal, Quarrying, Nonmetal Mining	*2.0*	*2.0*	*1.6*	*0*	*.4*
13 Oil and Gas Extraction	*2.1*	*2.1*	*1.9*	*0*	*.2*

Contract Construction	14.3	14.1	14.5	.2	-.2
15 General Building Contractors	6.2	6.2	5.7	0	.5
16 Heavy Construction Contractors	2.9	2.8	3.8	.1	-.9
17 Special Trade Contractors	5.2	5.1	5.0	.1	.2
Transportation and Public Utilities	19.7	20.0	20.2	-.3	-.5
40 Railroad Transportation	6.1	6.2	6.6	-.1	-.5
41-47 Transportation, except Railroad	5.9	6.0	6.3	-.1	-.4
48 & 49 Commun., Electric, Gas, Sanitary Services	7.7	7.8	7.3	-.1	.4
Wholesale and Retail Trade	64.5	65.2	62.1	-.7	2.4
Wholesale Trade	12.3	12.6	12.9	-.3	-.6
Retail Trade	52.2	52.6	49.2	-.4	3.0
53 & 56 Ret. Gen. Merch., Apparel, Accessories	9.3	9.1	8.1	.2	1.2
54 Food Stores	6.7	6.8	6.4	-.1	.3
55 Automotive Dealers, Service Stations	8.7	8.8	8.8	-.1	-.1
58 Eating and Drinking Places	16.7	17.2	15.7	-.5	1.0
52, 57, 59 Bldg. Mat., Farm Equip., Furn., Misc.	10.8	10.7	10.2	.1	.6
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	10.7	10.8	10.7	-.1	0
Services	47.9	49.0	45.4	-1.1	2.5
70 Hotels and other Lodging Places	7.7	8.4	7.1	-.7	.6
72 Personal Services	2.8	2.9	2.7	-.1	.1
80 Medical and other Health Services	14.2	14.2	14.0	0	.2
Other Services	23.2	23.5	21.6	-.3	1.6
Government	62.9	61.4	58.0	1.5	4.9
91 Federal Government	14.2	14.8	13.7	-.6	.5
State and Local Government	48.7	46.6	44.3	2.1	4.4
92 State Government	16.3	16.0	16.2	.3	.1
93 Local Government	32.4	30.6	28.1	1.8	4.3
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment[2/]	31.8	33.5	31.6	-1.7	.2
(c) Agriculture	35.2	45.1	36.8	-9.9	-1.6
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes[3/]	.2	*	*	-	-

1/ Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers. Current month preliminary. Revised to 1974 Benchmarks.
2/ Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.
3/ Non-Additive, included in Line (a). Establishment Series began January 1964; Residence Series began January 1970
** Under 50. Produced in cooperation with U.S. Dept. of Labor Manpower Administration and Bureau of Labor Statistic*

RESIDENCE DATA
(ESTABLISHMENT DATA in italics)

Table V

GREAT FALLS SMSA (CASCADE COUNTY)

Employment by Industry

SEPTEMBER 1975

in Thousands

INDUSTRY	Sep. 1975	Aug. 1975	Sep. 1974	Net Changes to Current Month from: Aug. 1975	Sep. 1974
1. Civilian Labor Force	34.3	34.9	33.2	-.6	1.1
2. Unemployment	2.4	2.5	1.9	-.1	.5
Percent of Labor Force#	*7.1*	*7.1*	*5.6*	*0*	*1.5*
3. Employment, Total	31.9	32.4	31.3	-.5	.6
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Adjusted for Dual Job Holders (Residence Data)	28.0	28.0	27.3	0	.7
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY (Establishment Data)	*29.1*	*29.2*	*27.8*	*-.1*	*1.3*
MANUFACTURING	*1.8*	*1.9*	*2.0*	*-.1*	*-.2*
NONMANUFACTURING	*27.3*	*27.3*	*25.8*	*0*	*1.5*
Contract Construction	*2.1*	*2.1*	*2.0*	*0*	*.1*
Transportation and Public Utilities	*2.6*	*2.6*	*2.5*	*0*	*.1*
Wholesale and Retail Trade	*8.7*	*8.8*	*8.1*	*-.1*	*.6*
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	*2.0*	*2.0*	*1.9*	*0*	*.1*
Services and Mining	*6.1*	*6.2*	*5.5*	*-.1*	*.6*
Government	*5.8*	*5.6*	*5.8*	*.2*	*0*
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment 1/	2.5	2.6	2.4	-.1	.1
(c) Agriculture	1.4	1.8	1.6	-.4	-.2
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes	*	*	*	*	*

1/ Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.

*# Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers. * Under 50. Current month preliminary.*
Establishment Series began January 1958. Household Series began January 1974.
Produced in cooperation with U. S. Dept. of Labor Manpower Administration and Bureau of Labor Statistics. Revised to 1974 Benchmarks.

Table VI

BILLINGS SMSA (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)

Employment by Industry

SEPTEMBER 1975

in Thousands

INDUSTRY	Sep. 1975	Aug. 1975	Sep. 1974	Net Changes to Current Month from: Aug. 1975	Sep. 1974
1. Civilian Labor Force	47.8	48.6	46.1	-.8	1.7
2. Unemployment	2.9	3.0	2.0	-.1	.9
Percent of Labor Force#	*6.0*	*6.3*	*4.4*	*-.3*	*1.6*
3. Employment, Total	44.9	45.6	44.1	-.7	.8
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Adjusted for Dual Job Holders (Household Data)	39.0	39.0	38.0	0	1.0
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY (Establishment Data)	*39.1*	*39.2*	*37.8*	*-.1*	*1.3*
MANUFACTURING	*3.4*	*3.5*	*3.4*	*-.1*	*0*
NONMANUFACTURING	*35.7*	*35.7*	*34.4*	*0*	*1.3*
Contract Construction	*2.5*	*2.4*	*2.2*	*.1*	*.3*
Transportation and Public Utilities	*3.6*	*3.7*	*3.7*	*-.1*	*-.1*
Wholesale and Retail Trade	*13.1*	*12.7*	*12.0*	*.4*	*1.1*
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	*2.0*	*2.0*	*2.0*	*0*	*0*
Services and Mining	*8.1*	*8.2*	*8.3*	*-.1*	*-.2*
Government	*6.4*	*6.7*	*6.2*	*-.3*	*.2*
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment 1/	4.3	4.5	4.2	-.2	.1
(c) Agriculture	1.6	2.1	1.9	-.5	-.3
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes	.2	*	*	-	-

1/ Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.

*# Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers * Under 50. Current month preliminary.*
Establishment Series began January 1958. Household Series began January 1974.
Produced in cooperation with U. S. Dept. of Labor Manpower Administration and Bureau of Labor Statistics. Revised to 1974 Benchmarks.

Table VII

MONTANA LABOR MARKET AREAS[1/]

Civilian Labor Force

in Thousands

	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
	July[r] 1975	Aug. 1975	Sep. 1975	July[r] 1975	Aug. 1975	Sep. 1975	July[r] 1975	Aug. 1975	Sep. 1975	July[r] 1975	Aug. 1975	Sep. 1975
STATEWIDE	350.5	352.0	338.8	324.9	329.1	316.5	25.6	22.9	22.3	*7.3*	*6.5*	*6.6*
GREAT FALLS SMSA	34.8	34.9	34.3	32.1	32.4	31.9	2.7	2.5	2.4	*7.9*	*7.1*	*7.1*
BILLINGS SMSA	48.5	48.6	47.8	45.3	45.6	44.9	3.2	3.0	2.9	*6.6*	*6.3*	*6.0*
BALANCE OF STATE[2/]	267.2	268.5	256.7	247.5	251.1	239.7	19.7	17.4	17.0	*7.4*	*6.5*	*6.6*
ANACONDA-BUTTE	36.5	37.0	35.9	33.3	33.6	32.7	3.2	3.4	3.2	*8.9*	*9.2*	*9.1*
BOZEMAN	25.7	25.8	24.9	24.1	24.4	23.4	1.6	1.4	1.4	*6.3*	*5.3*	*5.9*
GLASGOW	17.9	18.1	17.0	17.0	17.3	16.2	.9	.8	.8	*4.9*	*4.5*	*4.5*
GLENDIVE	14.7	14.9	14.0	14.1	14.3	13.5	.6	.6	.6	*4.4*	*3.8*	*3.9*
HARDIN-RED LODGE	10.8	10.9	10.3	10.1	10.3	9.8	.7	.6	.5	*6.1*	*5.5*	*4.6*
HAVRE	13.7	13.9	13.1	12.9	13.2	12.5	.8	.7	.6	*5.7*	*5.2*	*4.6*
HELENA	23.0	23.0	22.2	21.4	21.6	20.9	1.6	1.4	1.3	*6.9*	*6.2*	*5.8*
KALISPELL	35.1	35.1	33.7	31.3	31.8	30.4	3.8	3.3	3.3	*10.8*	*9.3*	*9.8*
LEWISTOWN	12.9	13.0	12.0	12.3	12.6	11.6	.6	.4	.4	*4.5*	*3.4*	*3.4*
MILES CITY	14.0	14.1	13.5	13.4	13.5	13.0	.6	.6	.5	*4.5*	*4.0*	*3.9*
MISSOULA	42.2	41.7	40.8	37.8	38.2	37.1	4.4	3.5	3.7	*10.4*	*8.3*	*9.0*
SHELBY-CUT BANK	20.7	21.0	19.3	19.8	20.3	18.6	.9	.7	.7	*4.3*	*3.6*	*3.7*

1/ A list of counties included in each Labor Market Area appears on page 29. See map on inside back cover.
2/ Statewide, excluding Great Falls and Billings Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas. *r: Revised.*

TABLE VIII

MONTANA LABOR MARKET AREAS[1/]

Civilian Labor Force

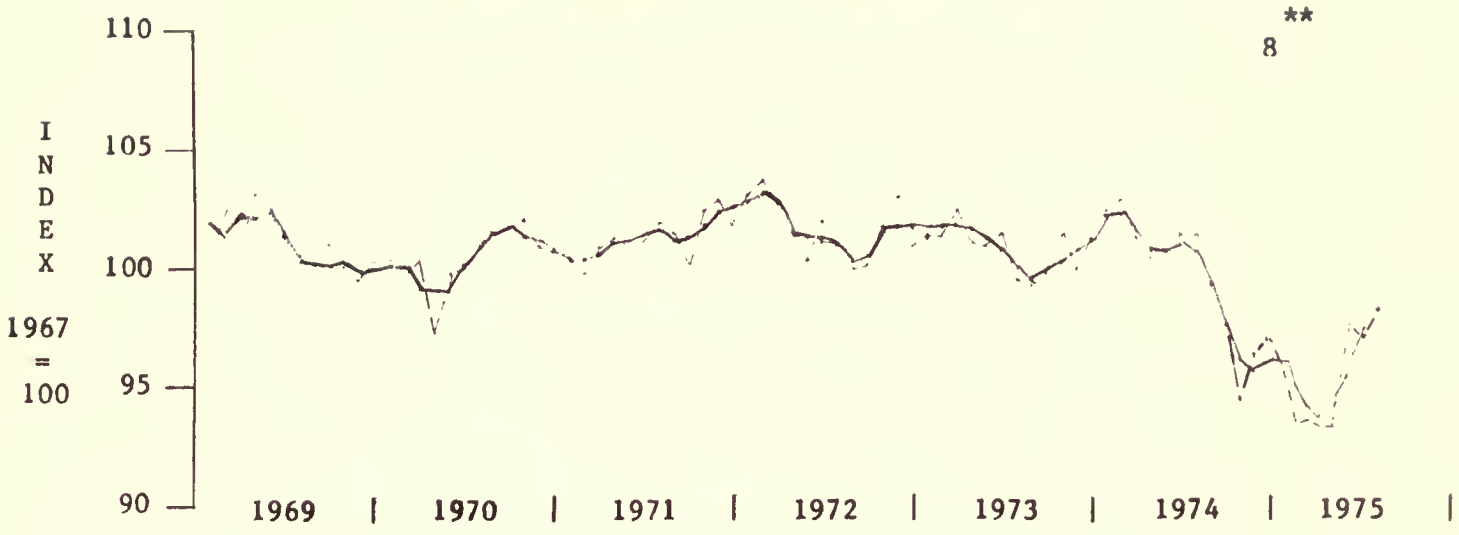
in Thousands

	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
	Sept. 1975	Sept. 1974	Percent Change 1974-1975	Sept. 1975	Sept. 1974	Percent Change 1974-1975	Sept. 1975	Sept. 1974	Net Change 1974-1975	Sept. 1975	Sept. 1974	Net Change 1974-1975
STATEWIDE	338.8	329.7	*2.8*	316.5	312.4	*1.3*	22.3	17.3	*5.0*	6.6	5.2	*1.4*
GREAT FALLS SMSA	34.3	33.2	*3.3*	31.9	31.3	*1.9*	2.4	1.9	.5	7.1	5.6	*1.5*
BILLINGS SMSA	47.8	46.1	*3.7*	44.9	44.1	*1.8*	2.9	2.0	.9	6.0	4.4	*1.6*
BALANCE OF STATE[2/]	256.7	250.4	*2.5*	239.7	237.0	*1.1*	17.0	13.4	*3.6*	6.6	5.4	*1.2*
ANACONDA-BUTTE	35.9	36.3	*-1.1*	32.7	34.5	*-5.2*	3.2	1.8	*1.4*	9.1	5.0	*4.6*
BOZEMAN	24.9	25.3	*-1.6*	23.4	24.1	*-2.9*	1.4	1.2	.2	5.9	4.6	*1.3*
GLASGOW	17.0	16.2	*4.9*	16.2	15.7	*3.2*	.8	.5	.3	4.5	3.3	*1.2*
GLENDIVE	14.0	13.3	*5.3*	13.5	12.9	*4.7*	.6	.4	.2	3.9	3.3	.6
HARDIN-RED LODGE	10.3	11.2	*-8.0*	9.8	10.6	*-7.5*	.5	.6	- .1	4.6	5.7	*-1.1*
HAVRE	13.1	11.7	*12.0*	12.5	11.3	*10.6*	.6	.4	.2	4.6	3.7	.9
HELENA	22.2	22.1	.5	20.9	21.0	- .5	1.3	1.1	.2	5.8	5.0	.8
KALISPELL	33.7	32.5	*3.7*	30.4	29.4	*3.4*	3.3	3.1	.2	9.8	9.4	.4
LEWISTOWN	12.0	10.7	*12.1*	11.6	10.2	*13.7*	.4	.5	- .1	3.4	4.2	- .8
MILES CITY	13.5	13.4	.7	13.0	13.0	-	.5	.4	.1	3.9	2.6	*1.3*
MISSOULA	40.8	40.9	- .2	37.1	38.2	*-2.9*	3.7	2.7	*1.0*	9.0	6.6	*2.4*
SHELBY-CUT BANK	19.3	16.8	*14.9*	18.6	16.1	*15.5*	.7	.7	-	3.7	4.3	- .6

1/ A list of counties included in each Labor Market Area appears on page 29. See map on inside back cover.
2/ Statewide, excluding Great Falls and Billings Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas.

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

COMPOSITE INDEX OF SIX LEADING INDICATORS*



Composite Index of
SIX LEADING INDICATORS
1967 = 100

1974	
January	102.7
February	103.0
March	101.4
April	100.6
May	100.3
June	101.6
July	101.5
August	99.4
September	97.7
October	94.3
November	96.1
December	96.9
1975	
January	95.8
February	93.5
March	93.8
April	93.5
May	93.2
June	97.5
July	97.0
August	98.4
September	
October	
November	
December	

MONTANA'S COMPOSITE INDEX

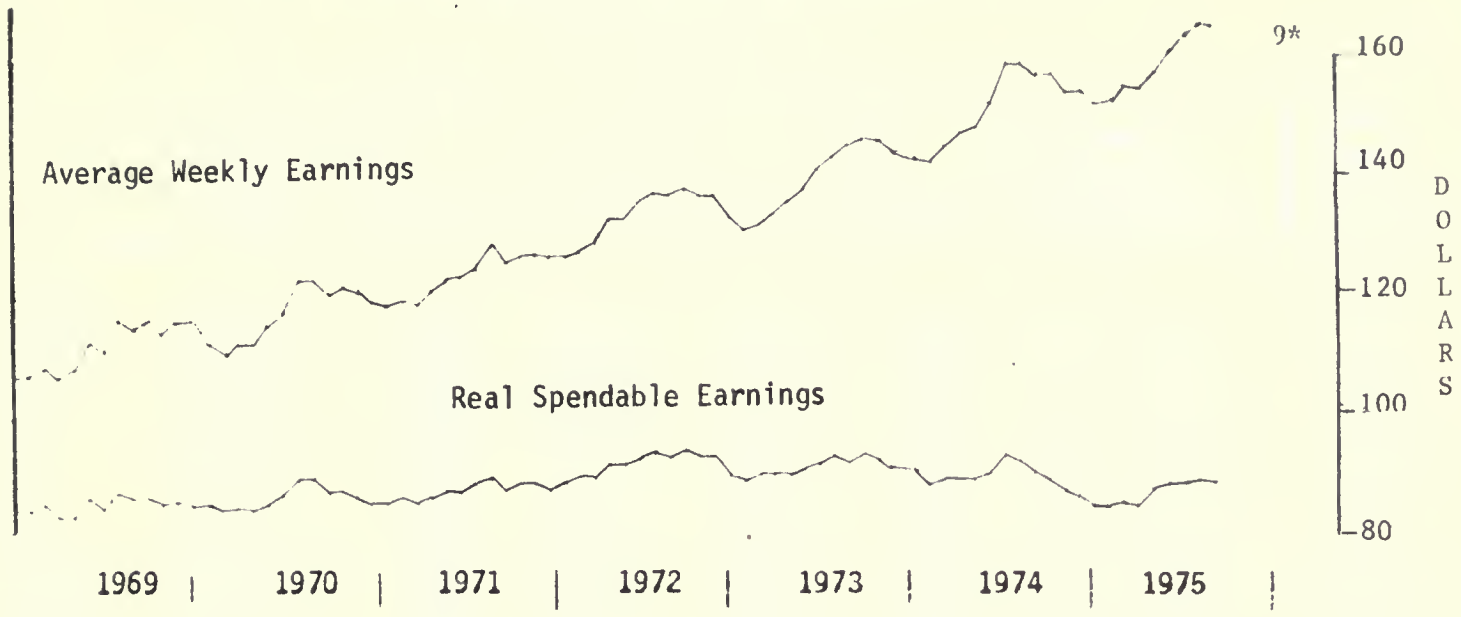
According to this month's composite index of leading economic indicators, it appears as though Montana's economy has an improved outlook. Three of these indicators have shown significant improvements between July and August of 1975. Specifically, accessions, layoffs, and building permits demonstrated positive trends, while weekly initial claims, average weekly hours, and manufacturing employment were adversely affected. The extent of the negative reactions were fortunately outweighed by positive indications, however. Gradual, but not substantial, improvements in the index are expected in the next few months, since initial claims and manufacturing employment will respond negatively and offset possible advances in other indicators.

In the graph above the solid line is a three-month moving average which removes irregular effects and more clearly shows the cyclical trend.

* *Employment, Average Weekly Hours, Total Accessions, and Layoffs in Manufacturing; Building Permits, and Average Weekly Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims.*

** *Indicates last month of plotted data.*

REAL SPENDABLE AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS OF PRIVATE NONAGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION WORKERS (1967 DOLLARS)



	Sep. 1975	Aug. 1975	Sep. 1974
Gross Average Weekly Earnings	$164.89	$165.07	$157.38
Taxes Withheld	23.33	23.37	23.75
Spendable Earnings	141.56	141.71	133.63
Adjustment for Price Changes Since 1967	55.04	54.67	45.53
Real Spendable Earnings in 1967 Dollars	86.52	87.04	88.10

1974	Average Weekly Earnings 1/	Real Spendable Earnings 2/
Jul.	$159.90	$91.50
Aug.	159.84	90.31
Sep.	157.38	88.10
Oct.	157.75	87.46
Nov.	154.94	85.40
Dec.	154.28	84.52
1975		
Jan.	152.28	83.19
Feb.	152.80	82.90
Mar.	155.09	83.58
Apr.	154.22	82.77
May	157.24	85.48
Jun.	160.81	86.37
Jul.	163.52	86.63
Aug.	165.07	87.04
Sep.	164.89p	86.52p
Oct.		
Nov.		
Dec.		

Historically, average weekly hours has had a seasonal tendency to recede slightly between the months of August and September. And this trend, in turn, is usually transferred to the computation of average weekly earnings. 1975 has been no exception to this rule, since average weekly earnings dropped to $164.89 in September from its August level of $165.07. Consequently, real spendable earnings also declined from $87.04 to $86.52 during this time interval. Inflation has subsided in the last few months, but our stagnated recovery from this recession has prevented the recuperation of buying power for Montanans.

* *Indicate last month of plotted data.* *p: Preliminary*

1/ Average weekly earnings of total private nonagricultural production workers.

2/ Real spendable average weekly earnings of private nonagricultural production workers.

Table IX

MONTANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute 1/
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent # Montana	Percent # U. S.	
1973								
January	303.1	283.5	250.4	33.1	19.6	*6.5*	*5.0*	.1
February	304.8	286.1	251.5	34.6	18.7	*6.1*	*5.1*	*
March	306.7	288.7	253.0	35.7	18.0	*5.9*	*5.0*	*
April	305.6	287.4	252.6	34.8	18.2	*6.0*	*5.0*	.2
May	307.0	288.2	252.7	35.5	18.8	*6.1*	*5.0*	.4
June	307.2	287.1	254.7	32.4	20.1	*6.5*	*4.8*	.5
July	309.1	289.7	252.4	37.3	19.4	*6.3*	*4.7*	*
August	315.4	296.2	253.4	42.8	19.2	*6.1*	*4.8*	.1
September	313.9	294.6	254.9	39.7	19.3	*6.1*	*4.8*	.1
October	313.3	293.7	256.3	37.4	19.6	*6.3*	*4.5*	.1
November	311.6	292.2	256.4	35.8	19.4	*6.2*	*4.7*	*
December	312.8	294.4	258.4	36.0	18.4	*5.9*	*4.8*	*
1973 Avg.	309.2	290.1	253.8	36.3	19.1	*6.2*	*4.9*	.1
1974								
January	315.1	293.2	257.5	35.7	21.9	*7.0*	*5.2*	.1
February	314.2	294.7	260.4	34.3	19.5	*6.2*	*5.2*	*
March	317.1	297.2	261.8	35.4	19.9	*6.3*	*5.1*	*
April	318.6	297.2	265.1	32.1	21.4	*6.7*	*5.0*	*
May	325.5	303.9	267.3	36.6	21.6	*6.6*	*5.2*	4.0
June	327.8	304.1	267.9	36.2	23.7	*7.2*	*5.2*	2.0
July	326.6	304.6	266.5	38.1	22.0	*6.7*	*5.3*	*
August	319.2	298.4	267.0	31.4	20.8	*6.5*	*5.4*	.2
September	322.6	301.7	270.5	31.2	20.9	*6.5*	*5.8*	*
October	327.3	305.6	268.1	37.5	21.7	*6.6*	*6.0*	*
November	328.5	305.5	268.7	36.8	23.0	*7.0*	*6.6*	.1
December	328.2	305.1	269.1	36.0	23.1	*7.0*	*7.2*	*
1974 Avg.	322.6	301.0	265.9	35.1	21.6	*6.7*	*5.6*	.5
1975								
January	329.8	306.6	268.9	37.7	23.2	*7.0*	*8.2*	*
February	333.4	306.4	267.7	38.7	27.0	*8.1*	*8.2*	*
March	324.4	298.8	267.7	31.1	25.6	*7.9*	*8.7*	.3
April	326.1	298.0	267.0	31.0	28.1	*8.6*	*8.9*	.2
May	329.9	302.9	267.5	35.4	27.0	*8.2*	*9.2*	.1
June	336.6	307.3	272.6	34.7	29.3	*8.7*	*8.6*	.1
July[2]	329.9	303.3	271.7	31.6	26.6	*8.1*	*8.4*	.2
August	329.5	303.7	273.1	30.6	25.8	*7.8*	*8.4*	*
September	331.8	305.8	276.3	29.5	26.0	*7.8*	*8.3*	.2
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

* *Under 50.* *Current month preliminary.* *Revised to 1974 Benchmarks.*

1/ Non-additive - included in total employment. *Series began January 1970.*

NOTE: Seasonally adjusted data are provided for statistical analysis only and should not be confused with actual numbers. *# Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.*

r: Revised.

Table X

GREAT FALLS SMSA (CASCADE COUNTY)

Civilian Labor Force

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute 1/
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent #		
						County	State	
1973								
January	31.4	29.1	27.7	1.4	2.3	7.3	6.5	*
February	31.5	29.2	27.7	1.5	2.3	7.3	6.1	*
March	31.5	29.2	27.8	1.4	2.3	7.3	5.9	*
April	31.6	29.3	28.0	1.3	2.3	7.3	6.0	*
May	32.1	29.6	28.2	1.4	2.5	7.8	6.1	*
June	32.3	29.6	28.3	1.3	2.7	8.4	6.5	0
July	32.4	30.0	28.4	1.6	2.4	7.4	6.3	0
August	32.4	30.2	28.6	1.6	2.2	6.8	6.1	0
September	32.2	30.0	28.5	1.5	2.2	6.8	6.1	*
October	32.3	30.2	28.8	1.4	2.1	6.5	6.3	0
November	32.1	29.9	28.5	1.4	2.2	6.9	6.2	*
December	32.0	29.9	28.5	1.4	2.1	6.6	5.9	*
1973 Avg.	32.0	29.7	28.3	1.4	2.3	7.2	6.2	*
1974								
January	32.8	30.3	28.8	1.5	2.5	7.6	7.0	*
February	32.4	30.3	28.8	1.5	2.1	6.5	6.2	*
March	32.6	30.4	28.9	1.5	2.2	6.7	6.3	*
April	32.4	30.2	28.8	1.4	2.2	6.8	6.7	*
May	32.4	30.2	28.6	1.6	2.2	6.8	6.6	1.4
June	32.5	30.3	28.7	1.6	2.2	6.8	7.2	1.2
July	32.6	30.5	28.7	1.8	2.1	6.4	6.7	*
August	32.6	30.5	29.1	1.4	2.1	6.4	6.5	*
September	32.5	30.5	29.2	1.3	2.0	6.2	6.5	*
October	33.2	31.1	29.5	1.6	2.1	6.3	6.6	*
November	32.7	30.5	28.9	1.6	2.2	6.7	7.0	*
December	32.8	30.6	29.1	1.5	2.2	6.7	6.0	*
1974 Avg.	32.7	30.5	29.0	1.5	2.2	6.7	6.7	.2
1975								
January	32.9	30.7	29.1	1.6	2.2	6.7	7.0	*
February	33.5	30.8	29.1	1.7	2.7	8.1	8.1	*
March	33.2	30.5	29.3	1.2	2.7	8.1	7.9	.1
April	33.4	30.5	29.3	1.2	2.9	8.7	8.6	.1
May	33.8	31.2	29.8	1.4	2.6	7.6	8.2	*
June	33.7	31.2	29.9	1.3	2.5	7.4	8.7	*
July r	33.5	30.8	29.5	1.3	2.7	8.0	8.1	*
August	33.7	31.1	30.0	1.1	2.6	7.8	7.8	*
September	33.6	31.0	29.9	1.1	2.6	7.7	7.8	*
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

* *Under 50.* *Current month preliminary.* *Revised to 1974 Benchmarks.*

1/ *Non-additive - included in total employment.* *Series began January 1970.*

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BILLINGS SMSA (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)

Civilian Labor Force

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute 1/
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent # County	Percent # State	
1973								
January	42.1	39.9	38.5	1.4	2.2	5.2	6.5	*
February	42.1	40.2	38.7	1.5	1.9	4.5	5.1	*
March	42.4	40.7	39.1	1.6	1.7	4.0	5.9	0
April	43.3	41.1	39.4	1.7	2.2	5.1	6.0	*
May	43.4	41.0	39.4	1.6	2.4	5.5	6.1	*
June	43.9	41.3	39.8	1.5	2.6	5.9	6.5	.3
July	43.9	41.4	39.8	1.6	2.5	5.7	6.3	*
August	44.8	42.3	40.1	2.2	2.5	5.6	6.1	*
September	44.1	41.9	40.1	1.8	2.2	5.0	6.1	*
October	44.1	41.7	40.0	1.7	2.4	5.4	6.3	*
November	44.3	42.0	40.4	1.6	2.3	5.2	6.2	*
December	44.3	42.5	40.8	1.7	1.8	4.1	5.9	*
1973 Avg.	43.5	41.3	39.6	1.7	2.2	5.1	6.2	*
1974								
January	45.4	42.5	41.0	1.5	2.9	6.4	7.0	0
February	45.1	42.9	41.4	1.5	2.2	4.9	6.2	0
March	45.5	43.4	41.7	1.7	2.1	4.6	6.3	0
April	45.6	43.1	41.4	1.7	2.5	5.5	6.7	0
May	45.8	43.4	41.5	1.9	2.4	5.2	6.6	.5
June	46.4	43.6	41.6	2.0	2.8	6.0	7.2	.5
July	46.6	44.1	42.1	2.0	2.5	5.4	6.7	*
August	46.2	44.0	42.0	2.0	2.2	4.8	6.5	*
September	46.2	43.9	42.3	1.6	2.3	5.0	6.5	*
October	46.2	43.9	42.0	1.9	2.3	5.0	6.6	*
November	45.6	43.2	41.4	1.8	2.4	5.3	7.0	*
December	45.8	43.5	41.7	1.8	2.3	5.0	7.0	*
1974 Avg.	45.9	43.5	41.7	1.8	2.4	5.3	6.7	*
1975								
January	46.5	43.4	41.8	1.6	3.1	6.7	7.0	*
February	46.5	43.2	41.5	1.7	3.3	7.1	8.1	*
March	46.1	42.9	41.5	1.4	3.2	7.0	7.9	.1
April	46.7	43.0	41.5	1.5	3.7	7.9	8.6	*
May	46.8	43.8	42.2	1.6	3.0	6.5	8.2	*
June	46.8	43.6	42.0	1.6	3.2	6.8	8.7	*
July r	47.0	43.9	42.6	1.3	3.1	6.7	8.1	*
August	47.8	44.6	43.0	1.6	3.2	6.7	7.8	*
September	48.0	44.8	43.4	1.4	3.2	6.6	7.8	.2
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

* *Under 50.* *Current month preliminary.* *Revised to 1974 Benchmarks.*

1/ *Non-additive - included in Total Employment.* *Series began January 1970.*

NOTE: Seasonally adjusted data are provided for statistical analysis only and should not be confused with actual numbers. # Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.

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Table XII

MONTANA HOURS AND EARNINGS

For Private Nonagricultural Industries

SEPTEMBER 1975

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Sep. 1975	Aug. 1975	Sep. 1974	Sep. 1975	Aug. 1975	Sep. 1974	Sep. 1975	Aug. 1975	Sep. 1974
TOTAL PRIVATE	$164.89	$165.07	$157.38	36.4	36.6	36.6	$4.53	$4.51	$4.30
MANUFACTURING	198.15	196.04	193.93	36.9	37.2	38.1	5.37	5.27	5.09
Durable Goods	189.22	188.05	188.37	36.6	36.8	37.3	5.17	5.11	5.05
Primary Metal Industries	236.23	232.02	227.01	38.6	38.8	41.5	6.12	5.98	5.47
Nondurable Goods	224.69	219.08	209.16	37.7	38.3	40.3	5.96	5.72	5.19
Food and Kindred Products	204.62	200.82	207.45	39.2	39.3	45.0	5.22	5.11	4.61
MINING	284.45	284.85	247.38	44.1	44.3	42.8	6.45	6.43	5.78
Metal Mining	275.40	280.16	251.12	40.5	41.2	41.1	6.80	6.80	6.11
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	302.61	295.60	270.48	38.5	37.8	33.6	7.86	7.82	8.05
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	255.43	254.15	246.65	42.5	42.5	42.6	6.01	5.98	5.79
Communications, Electric, Gas, Sanitary Services	216.76	221.26	192.37	38.5	39.3	39.1	5.63	5.63	4.92
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	129.60	131.40	122.81	36.0	36.5	35.7	3.60	3.60	3.44
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	118.70	119.36	114.95	36.3	36.5	37.2	3.27	3.27	3.09
SERVICES	105.94	105.62	103.46	32.3	32.4	33.7	3.28	3.26	3.07

Data for current month are preliminary.
Averages are based on gross earnings, including overtime and premium pay.
Selected Industries series began January 1950; Total Private Sector series began January 1969 (May 1972 issue).
Prepared by U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

ESTABLISHMENT DATA

Table XIII

MONTANA LABOR TURNOVER RATES

In Manufacturing and Mining Industries

(per 100 employees)

AUGUST 1975

	ACCESSION RATES						SEPARATION RATES								
	Total			New Hires			Total			Quits			Layoffs		
	Aug. 1975	July 1975	Aug. 1974	Aug. 1975	July 1975	Aug. 1974	Aug. 1975	July 1975	Aug. 1974	Aug. 1975	July 1975	Aug. 1974	Aug. 1975	July 1975	Aug. 1974
MANUFACTURING	5.1	4.9	3.8	4.2	4.2	3.4	4.3	3.9	6.3	2.9	1.9	3.4	0.7	1.1	1.9
Durable Goods	5.3	5.2	4.0	4.8	4.3	3.7	4.7	3.6	6.5	3.2	2.0	3.6	0.4	0.7	1.8
Primary Metal Industries	1.5	2.0	3.2	0.2	0.1	2.4	2.8	3.3	3.1	0.8	0.4	1.7	0.3	1.9	0.3
Nondurable Goods	4.8	4.3	3.2	2.8	4.0	2.9	3.6	4.6	6.1	2.4	1.7	3.4	1.1	1.9	2.1
MINING	3.3	3.4	4.2	1.9	2.2	0.9	4.8	3.9	5.0	2.4	1.3	2.7	1.3	1.4	0.6
Metal Mining	1.8	1.2	3.9	0.0	0.0	1.3	2.4	5.9	5.1	0.2	0.5	2.7	0.7	3.1	0.0

* *Less than .05.*
Prepared by U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.
Series began January 1959.

NEW BUSINESS FIRMS IN MONTANA

BY INDUSTRY

New business firms in Montana are a reflection of economic activity within the business community. Data furnished on this page and the following page are an aggregate of information supplied by the office of the Montana Secretary of State and the Montana Employment Security Division. These data should in no way be construed as being absolute. They are presented to indicate business trends during the survey period.

The chart on the following page is a break-down by county and labor market area of business starts in Montana during the current month and year to date, with a comparison to the previous year.

The following chart is a break-down of new businesses by industry, with a comparison to last year.

Industry	Sep. 1975	Sep. 1974	Year to Date 1975	Year to Date 1974
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, AND FISHERIES	30	32	222	196
MINING	4	11	48	45
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	44	27	264	278
MANUFACTURING	13	14	85	112
TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATION, ELECTRIC, GAS, AND SANITARY SERVICES	11	4	54	79
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	65	48	442	461
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	24	8	164	150
SERVICES	109	61	729	608
GOVERNMENT	0	0	0	0
NOT ELSEWHERE CLASSIFIED	0	0	2	0
STATE TOTAL	300	205	2,010	1,929

NEW BUSINESS FIRMS IN MONTANA

BY LABOR MARKET AREA

Areas	NEW BUSINESS FIRMS			
			Year to Date	
	Sep. 1975	Sep. 1974	1975	1974
STATE OF MONTANA	300	205	2,010	1,929
GREAT FALLS SMSA	27	11	188	144
BILLINGS SMSA	40	26	305	281
ANACONDA-BUTTE LMA	17	15	146	150
Beaverhead	3	4	33	24
Deer Lodge	1	0	17	15
Granite	1	0	2	7
Madison	2	3	18	10
Powell	1	2	10	19
Silver Bow	9	6	66	75
BOZEMAN LMA	25	22	174	172
Gallatin	17	15	142	137
Meagher	1	0	5	4
Park	7	7	27	31
GLASGOW LMA	4	14	78	74
Daniels	1	0	19	6
Phillips	0	5	13	11
Roosevelt	2	1	21	10
Sheridan	0	1	13	10
Valley	1	7	12	37
GLENDIVE LMA	13	5	81	62
Dawson	5	3	36	28
Garfield	2	0	8	7
McCone	3	0	10	5
Prairie	1	0	2	3
Richland	2	1	24	17
Wibaux	0	1	1	2
HARDIN-RED LODGE LMA	6	8	59	66
Big Horn	4	3	29	19
Carbon	0	1	8	23
Stillwater	1	4	13	18
Sweet Grass	1	0	9	6

Areas	NEW BUSINESS FIRMS			
			Year to Date	
	Sep. 1975	Sep. 1974	1975	1974
HAVRE LMA	7	5	69	62
Blaine	0	1	15	8
Hill	7	4	50	48
Liberty	0	0	4	6
HELENA LMA	29	17	128	135
Broadwater	0	0	6	3
Jefferson	5	5	15	15
Lewis and Clark	24	12	107	117
KALISPELL LMA	40	31	220	252
Flathead	25	17	152	158
Lake	9	10	46	63
Lincoln	6	4	22	31
LEWISTOWN LMA	10	4	41	56
Fergus	8	3	28	27
Golden Valley	0	0	0	3
Judith Basin	1	0	1	7
Musselshell	0	0	7	10
Petroleum	0	0	0	0
Wheatland	1	1	5	9
MILES CITY LMA	16	7	96	84
Carter	0	0	4	2
Custer	8	2	43	50
Fallon	0	1	15	12
Powder River	1	0	5	3
Rosebud	4	1	24	14
Treasure	3	3	5	3
MISSOULA LMA	47	32	338	318
Mineral	0	1	15	5
Missoula	38	26	247	237
Ravalli	6	4	42	53
Sanders	3	1	34	23
SHELBY-CUT BANK LMA	19	8	87	73
Chouteau	2	0	9	9
Glacier	3	1	28	18
Pondera	7	3	23	15
Teton	3	3	13	17
Toole	4	1	14	14

Source of data: State of Montana Employment Security Division, Research and Analysis Section; Montana Secretary of State.

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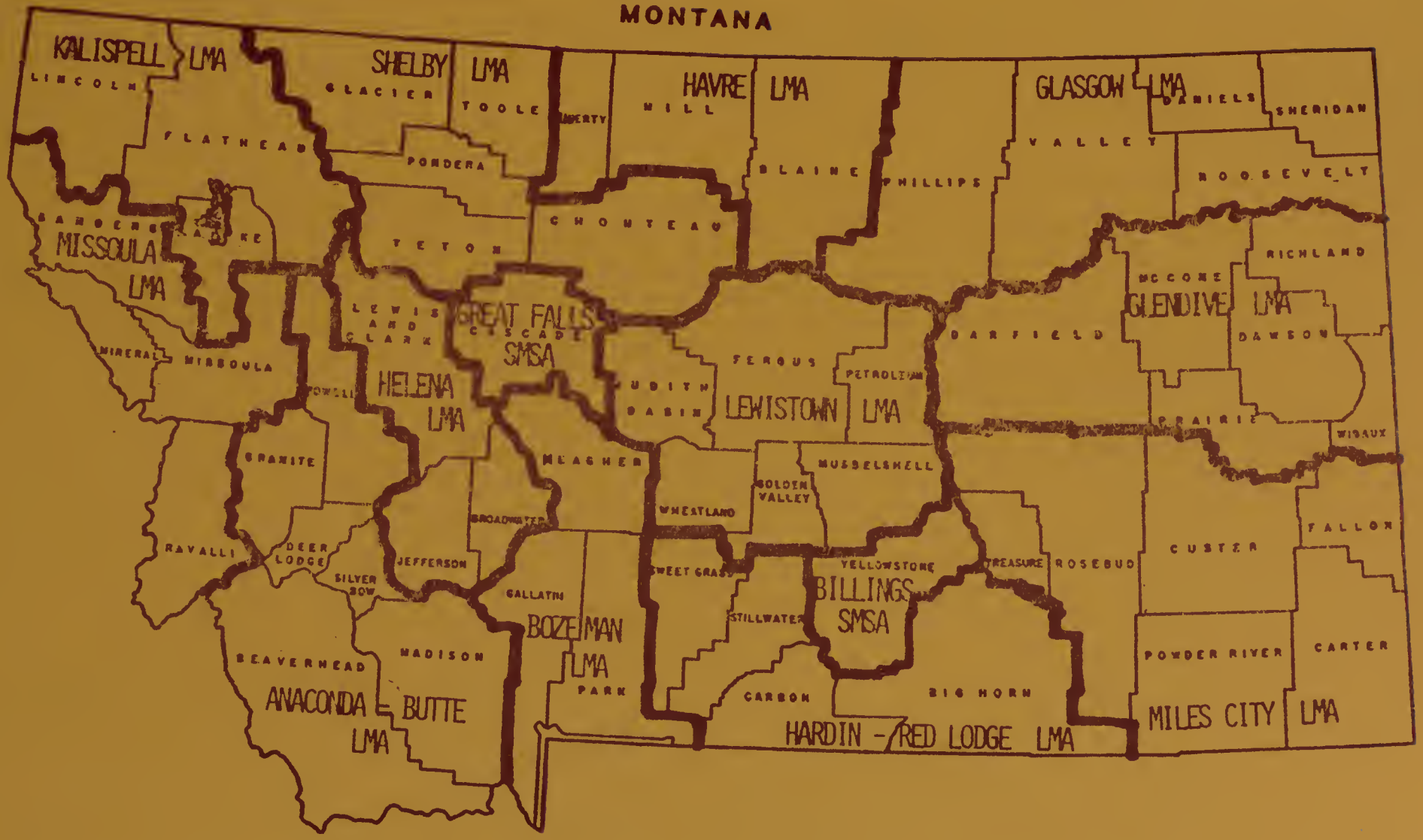

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